

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 13, 15 to 19, 21 to 25, 27 to 30, 32 and 35 now appear in this application. Independent Claims 1 and 27 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowed Claim 26 into Claim, and the subject matter of allowed Claim 34 into Claim 27. Consequently, both of the independent claims now appearing in the application are considered to be allowable, since they fully incorporate the subject matter of claims which were allowed in the Final Office Action. Claims 14, 20, 26, 31, 33 and 34 have been cancelled in view of the amendments to allowed independent Claims 1 and 27.

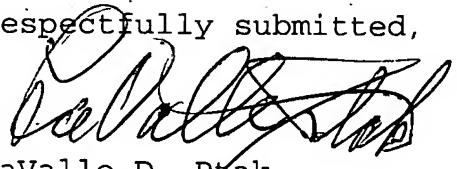
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of Claims 1 and 27 in view of the amendments to these claims, which incorporate the allowed subject matter of dependent Claims 16 and 34, respectively, into these two independent claims. Claims 2 through 13, 15 through 19 and 21 through 25 are dependent, either directly or through one another, upon Claim 1. Consequently, all of these dependent claims are considered allowable for the reasons the Examiner found original dependent Claim 26 allowable.

Similarly, Claims 28 to 30, 32 and 35 are dependent, either directly or through one another, upon Claim 27. In view of the fact that independent Claim 27 has incorporated the subject matter

1 of originally allowed Claim 34, all of these claims also are
2 considered allowable.

3 The claims which have been cancelled from the application have
4 been cancelled on the grounds that they are redundant; and in the
5 case of Claims 26 and 34, the subject matter of these claims has
6 been incorporated into independent Claims 1 and 27, respectively.
7 In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that this
8 application now contains only allowed or allowable claims. As a
9 result, withdrawal of the final rejection of various claims of this
10 application is respectfully requested; and a formal Notice of
11 Allowance of all of the claims now appearing in the application is
12 respectfully solicited.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

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